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[¶](#)1. Econoff delivered reftel points to Deputy Minister of Energy Areg Galstyan. Galstyan informed that the GOAM would be represented by Armenia's Ambassador to Egypt at the June 28-30 IRENA meeting in Cairo.

[¶](#)2. The GOAM has no strong preference regarding the siting of the HQ, but Galstyan said he would convey USG preference for the UAE to the MFA. Regarding election of a DG, he reported the GOAM had a request from France to support its candidate. He could not say if or when the GOAM would ratify the IRENA statute.

[¶](#)3. While the Energy Ministry in the past has shown an impressive commitment to renewable energy, the GOAM's highest priority for the foreseeable future will be development of a new nuclear power plant, which it hopes to have in operation by 2016 to replace the current facility.

[¶](#)4. Post will also pass reftel points to the MFA.
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